



DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

WE, GERHARD KRAUS, and HEINRICH DANIEL DECHAMPS, hereby declare that we are citizens Austria and of the Germany and residents of Wien, Austria, and Avon, Connecticut and that our Post Office and Residence Addresses are Winarskystrasse 18/16/15, A-1200 Wien, Austria, and 43 Old Wheeler Lane, Avon, Connecticut 06001; respectively, that we believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING FLANGE CORNERS

the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

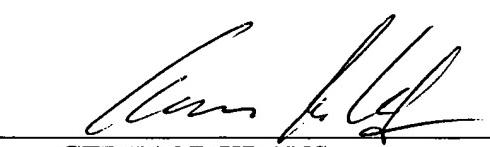
We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

We hereby appoint Peter L. Costas, Registration No. 18,637, whose Post Office Address is Pepe & Hazard LLP, 225 Asylum Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06103, our attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Address all correspondence to Peter L. Costas at the aforesaid address and direct all telephone calls to him at Area Code 860, Telephone No. 241-2630.

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